

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) A water soluble package comprising a polymeric film, the polymeric film comprising a polymeric backbone derived from a polymer which is water soluble, as defined herein, and one or more derivatising groups attached to the backbone, the derivatising group(s) being derived from a parent material having a ClogP of from 0.5 to 6.

Claim 2 (Original) A water soluble package comprising a polymeric film, the polymeric film comprising a polymeric backbone derived from a polymer which is water soluble, as defined herein, and one or more derivatising groups attached to the backbone, the derivatising group(s) being derived from a parent material comprising a C4 to C22 hydrocarbyl chain.

Claim 3 (Original) A water soluble package comprising a polymeric film, the polymeric film comprising a polymeric backbone derived from a polymer which is water soluble, as defined herein, and one or more derivatising groups attached to the backbone wherein the package has a relative rupture ratio of greater than 1, more preferably greater than 3 most preferably greater than 7.

Claim 4 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 comprising a crystallinity disruptor and/or a plasticizer physically or chemically bound to the backbone of the polymeric film.

Claim 5 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polymer has a solubility or dispersibility in anionic or combinations of anionic/nonionic surfactants of more than 15 minutes when the surfactant concentration in water is greater than 0.05

g/L and a solubility or dispersibility of less than 15 minutes when the surfactant concentration in water is less than 0.05 g/L.

Claim 6 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polymeric backbone is derived from PVOH.

Claim 7 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the parent material from which the derivatising group is obtained is selected from the group consisting of acetals, ketals, esters, fluoro-organics, ethers, epoxides, alkanes, alkenes and aromatic compounds.

Claim 8 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the parent material from which the derivatising group is obtained is an aldehyde.

Claim 9 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polymer has an average degree of saponification of from 70 to 99%, more preferably from 80 to 99%, most preferably from 88 to 99%.

Claim 10 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the degree of derivatisation of the polymeric backbone by the derivatising group is from 0.1 to 40% by weight, based on the total weight of the polymer, more preferably 2 to 30%, most preferably 5 to 15%, e.g. 8 to 12%.

Claim 11 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polymer is based on PVOH and the number ratio of the derivative groups to the free hydroxyl pairs on the backbone is from 1:3 to 1:30, more preferably 1:4 to 1:20, most preferably 1:7 to 1:15, e.g. 1:8 to 1:13.

Claim 12 (Original) A water soluble package as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polymeric film is capable of forming, upon contact with a detergent surfactant in a micellar

or liquid crystalline form, a gelled network having a viscosity or an apparent molecular weight greater than the molecular weight of the polymeric film alone.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A process for conditioning fabrics comprising the steps of adding to a laundry cycle of a washing machine the water soluble package according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 and contacting the contents of the package with fabric in the drum of the washing machine.

Claim 14 (Original) A process according to claim 13 wherein the tendency of the water soluble package to break down is reduced in the presence of a fabric wash detergent active.